

Weekly Column for April 26, 2007

It is amazing what the first real warm day of the year brings about. Suddenly summer thoughts are racing through your head, plans are being made, and excitement is in the air. This is what was going through my head at the Earth Day Festival on Sunday as temperatures soared into the 80's.

Immediately I thought of how wonderful it would be to have a Troy Night Out with that kind of weather. Looks like we will have to wait until May for that. There is no better reminder of where we live than the month of April. So far this month we've had heavy wet snow and 80-degree temperatures. Flooding and bright sunny skies.

With all that said, I am more than excited for tomorrow night. The third installment of Troy Night is looking to build on the successes of the first two, and I do believe that will happen. If you are unaware of what Troy Night Out is, it occurs on the final Friday of each month, with restaurants, shops, cafes, and boutiques staying open until 9 p.m. Coupled with dozens of new art openings, musical ventures, and the overall nature of the downtown, it is not an event to be missed.

See you there.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who participated in the Earth Day Cleanup this year; it was a tremendous success. We ended up with well over 30 projects, and numerous areas of the City being cleaned. Stay tuned for an extra Earth Day cleaning this fall.

We had a wonderful morning here today at City Hall. Charli Spiegel from School 16 was in after winning the "Breakfast with the Mayor," raffle at the recent Taste of Troy event. She had a great time, asked some terrific questions, and even helped out with item number two.

That was the promotion of Tom Scorsone to Troy Fire Department Captain. As I said this morning, Tom more than deserves this position, is a terrific leader, and I was happy to be able to make the promotion. Tom is formerly the head of the Troy UFA. Being a union head is a difficult job, and Tom always handled himself with class and dignity. That should never be overlooked. Congratulations Tom.

Finally, there will be a Market Fest in the Little Italy Marketplace on Saturday afternoon. This is located behind the Vanilla Bean and promises to be a wonderful time. Go down and check it out.

Have a great weekend.

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Mayor of Troy